

Suggested Standards for Establishing a Used Oil Collection Center



SITE SELECTION

- 1) Choose a site that is convenient for all of the residents in the participating community. Some centers serve more than one town and ideally will be situated at a location convenient to all participating towns' residents. Quite often, the most convenient spot is the location where residents dispose of other solid waste, such as a transfer station or recycling center. Collection centers located at public works garages, fire stations and police stations have proven to be successful as well.
- 2) Ensure that the collection site is accessible year round to the public, employees, and potential transporters. Additionally, ensure that emergency personnel can easily access the storage area in the event of a fire or spill.
- 3) If possible, locate the used oil collection container near to, and within view of, the Operator's shed. This way, operators can see when residents bring oil, and better monitor the oil that is received.
- 4) Be aware of environmental concerns and the potential for spills. The following are standards that should be followed when selecting a site:
 - The storage area is no less than 25 feet from any property line;
 - The storage area is no less than 75 feet from any wells or surface water;
 - The storage area is not located within the 100 year flood hazard zone;
- 5) The following recommendations may make it easier for you to safely manage your used oil. If you have an existing facility with these features, you may want to consider using it:
 - The storage area should provide spill containment for all containers (tanks or drums);
 - The storage area should be located within a fenced and posted area;
 - The storage area should be lighted if the center is open past dark;
 - The storage area should be located under cover (a roof and walls, or snow and rain shield) to protect the collection container(s) from the effects of weather and precipitation.